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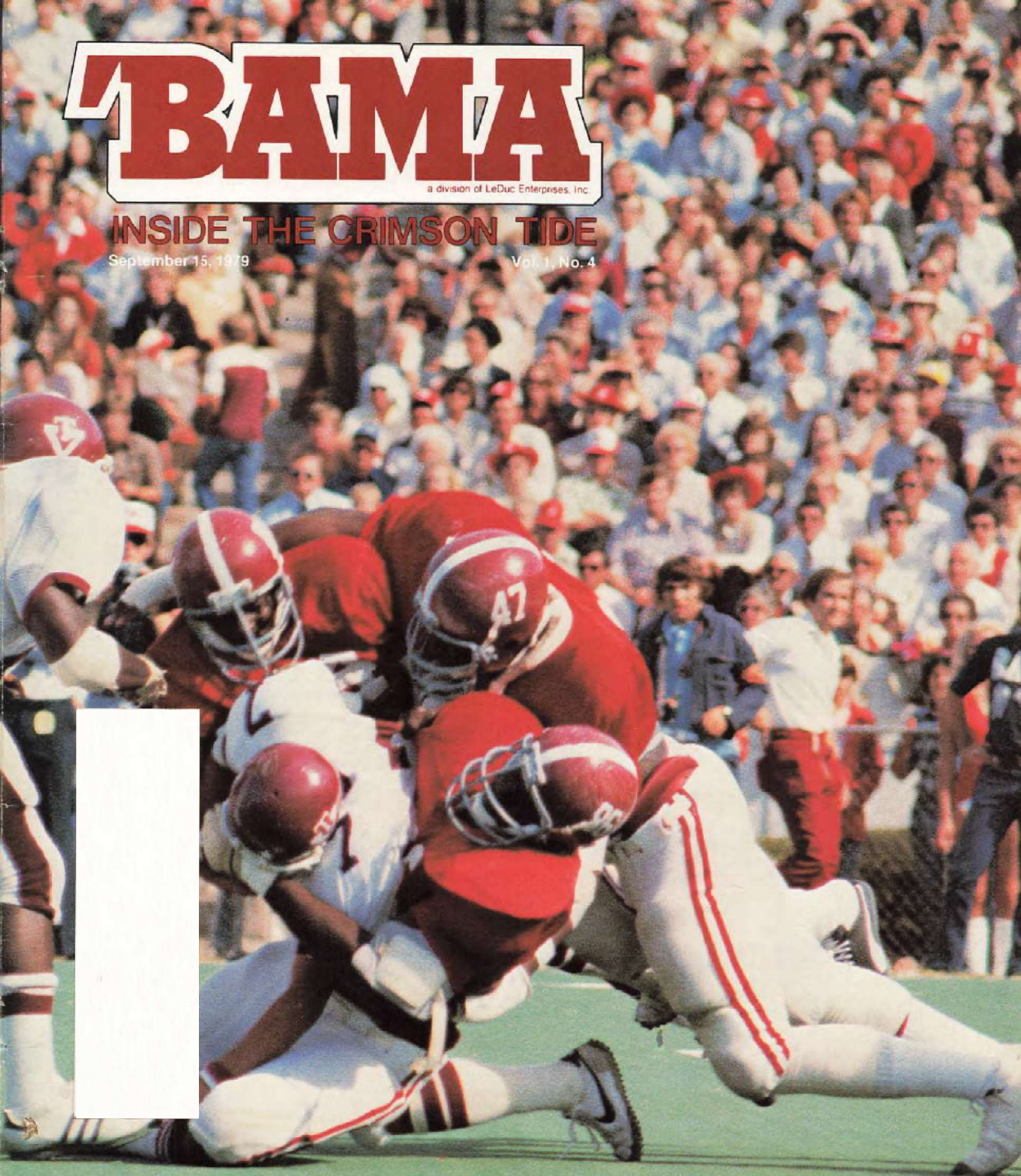

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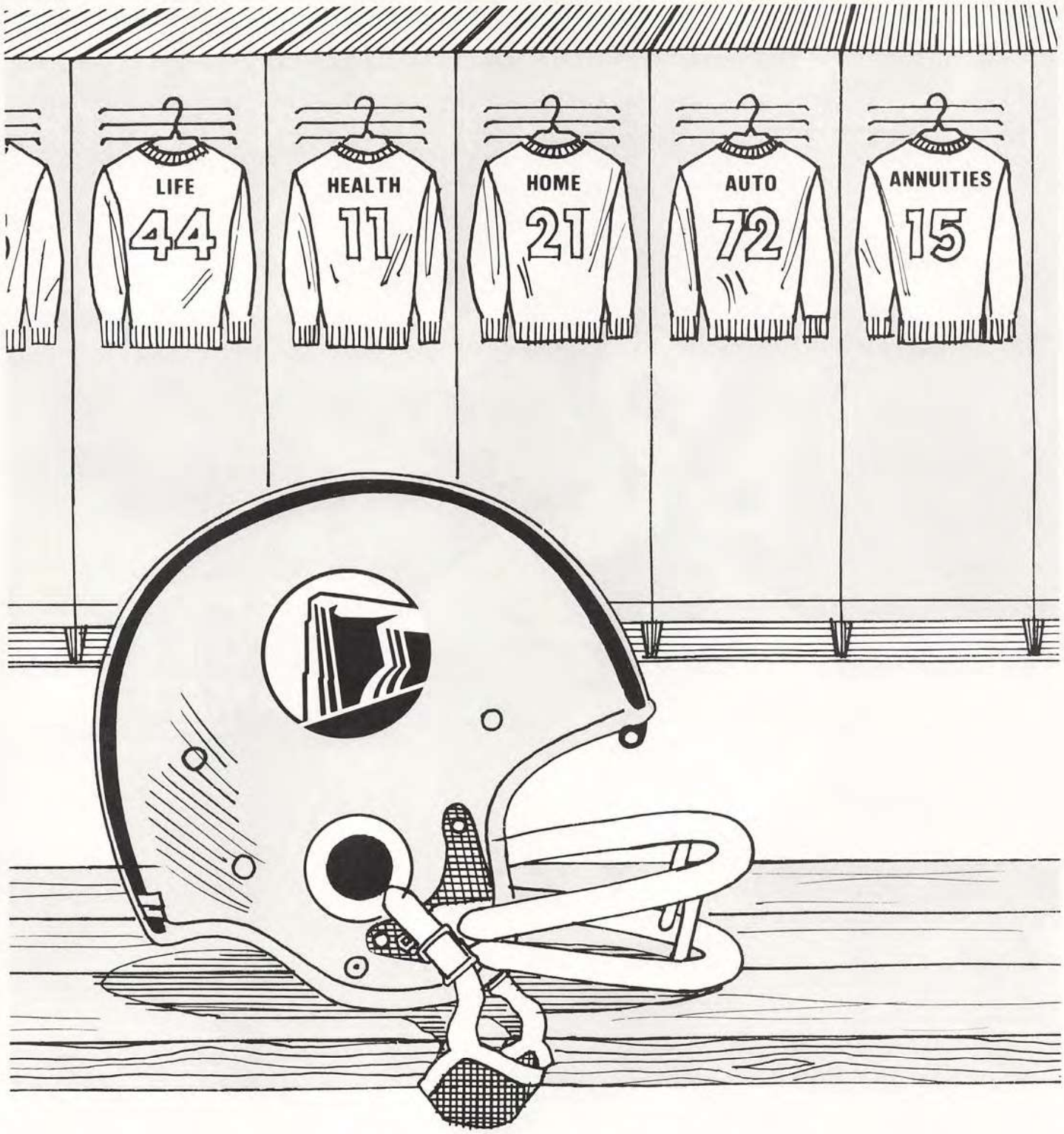

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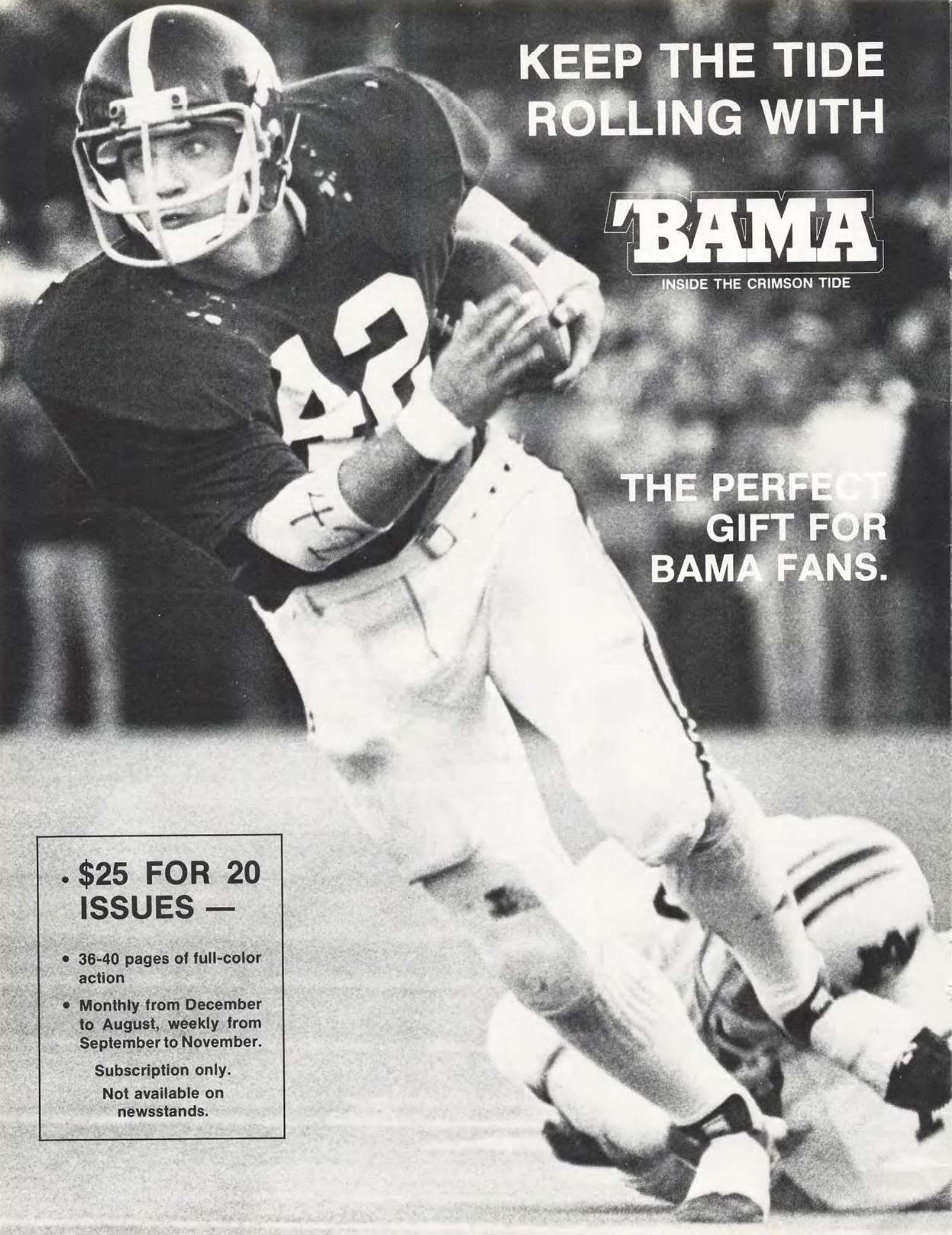
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TIDE RAMBLES BY TECH

by Kirk McNair

Alabama linebacker Robbie Jones found out something in Atlanta last Saturday that Crimson Tide players have been discovering for the past 21 seasons. "You know," said Robbie as he peeled off his uniform in a sweaty, victorious Bama lockerroom at Grant Field on the Georgia Tech campus, "that was easier than practice."

It has long been a philosophy of Tide head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant that you work hard during the week and have fun on Saturdays.

Last Saturday was fun for Bama. The final score was 30-6 as the 1978 National Champions opened defense of their crown before 57,621 (including more than 21,000 supporting Alabama) and a national television audience on ABC.

It could have been worse. On many occasions Bama was its own worst enemy, particularly in the first half when the offense controlled the football 47 plays to 15 and outgained Tech 192 yards to 41, but put only six points on the scoreboard. The defense also put up a first half touchdown and therefore the Tide took a 12-0 lead to the dressing room.

The timing of the first half scores and the second half performance blended to make it a rout. The only thing spoiling the afternoon from an Alabama standpoint was Tech avoiding a shutout with a touchdown in the final 12 seconds of the game.

The general theme of Alabama players and coaches following the game was "we played pretty well, but we've got a long way to go."

The Alabama-Georgia Tech renewal after a 15-year hiatus was marked as a memorable occasion. There was only fleeting attention paid to the factors resulting in the series being ended following the 1964 game, primarily because of the succinct explanation given by former Tech coach Bobby Dodd: "We were playing too many tough teams late in the year, getting beaten, and hurting our bowl chances."

Dodd, now living in pleasant retirement, could offer his condolences to current coach Pepper Rodgers after Saturday's game. "I feel sorry for you," he said to his former quarterback and the man whose lot it fell to be at the helm when the series arranged by friends Bryant and Dodd resumed. "No one knows better than I that it doesn't help your coaching record to play Bear Bryant." Dodd was 1-6 against Bryant-coached Alabama teams, part of the reason that Bama now leads this series 25-19-3.

Generally speaking there was good feeling around the Alabama camp following the grading of films Sunday. Bama defensive coordinator Ken Donahue said "defensively we played pretty well with the exception of a few mistakes and penalties. The new linebackers got quite a bit done. In the secondary I think we went to the football a little better than we did most of last year.

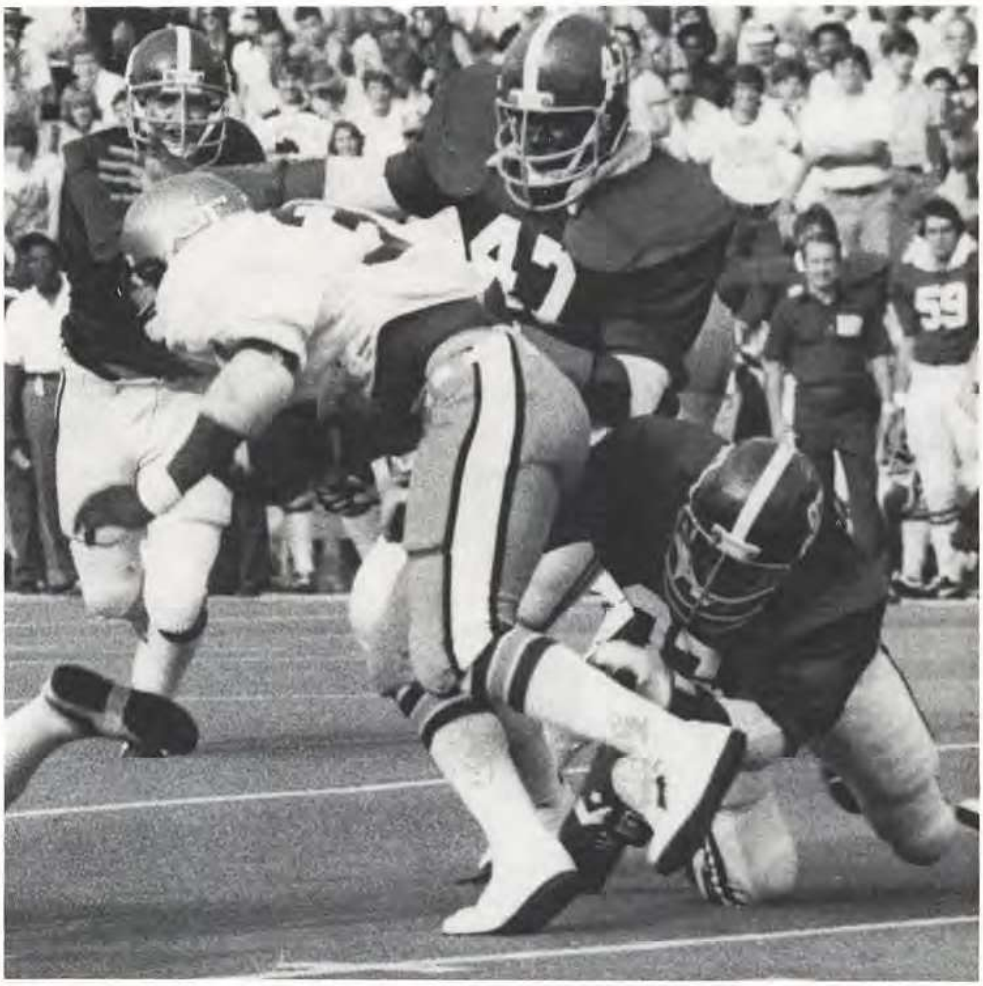
"We weren't great by any means and we have a long way to go, but we think we can get better."

Offensive coordinator Mal Moore said that the attack force "is still a long way from being a real smooth unit. We didn't block or execute as well as I think we will. The quarterbacks missed a few reads. And of course the penalties stopped us a couple of times. But these are things that can be corrected — things that I think our players will correct."

It's a pleasure to note that early returns indicate being on the cover of **'BAMA** isn't a jinx. Previous issue cover subjects Paul Bryant, Major Ogilvie and Steadman Shealy all had a fine game.

The Crimson Tide may have gotten some questions answered about this 1979 group.

Biggest pre-season worry concerned quarterback. Certainly Steadman Shealy had indicated in the past that he can run the Alabama offense, but now he is the starter and there still must be some concern about that knee that under went surgery in the spring of 1978. And can he pass? Beyond that, there was only a smat-



Byron Braggs (47) with help from E. J. Junior (right) and Bobby Smith (left) brings down Tech's Rodney Lee.

tering of quarterback experience behind Shealy, Don Jacobs and Alan Gray. Circumstances have temporarily taken Jim Bob Harris and Tommy Wilcox from the quarterback picture into the secondary.

Shealy was outstanding, particularly in the second half when Bama iced the game quickly. Jacobs did what he does best, taking the team into the end zone. And Gray, who has seen only limited fall work with the first offense, had some bright moments.

Bama assistant coach Dee Powell, who was in charge of preparation for the Georgia Tech game, noted that "they surprised us somewhat by playing their basic defense a lot. They were trying not to make mistakes and to make us take a long time to get downfield. The scheme of their defense was to hope that we made mistakes, and we did. I think Steadman was really on the money coming out in the second half. They were playing the run hard and off the pass a little bit. Steadman did a good job of hitting the receiver and that opened them up. We started going a long way a lot faster." Steadman finished as the game's leading rusher with 13 carries for 79 yards and one touchdown. He also hit nine of 11 passes (one was intercepted) for 108 yards. Last year for the *season* Steadman completed only nine of 14 passes.

Probably no team suffered the graduation loss from its linebacker corps that Alabama did following last season with Barry Krauss, Rich Wingo and Rickey Gilliland departing. Saturday three relative newcomers—junior Randy Scott, sophomore Thomas Boyd and redshirt freshman Robbie Jones—earned their battle stripes. "They put a lot into it," said former Bama linebacker Jeff Rouzie, who now coaches that position for the Crimson Tide. "The best thing about it was their effort. They made mistakes, as youngsters will, but they made up for it with speed and aggressiveness. If they'll continue the effort we'll get there." Scott had six solo tackles and assisted on another to lead Alabama, while Boyd had four tackles and a pass broken up, Jones two tackles and an interception (although he fumbled the ball back after a 17-yard return). Those numbers may not seem particularly big, but remember Tech ran only 47 plays and that's not many chances for tackles.

A final major area of concern has been the secondary. It has been almost a parlor game in Alabama defensive staff meetings trying to figure out the four-man combination that would be the Tide's last line of defense. Coach Bryant did not settle on the starters until late in the week of the Georgia Tech game, and did not make his decision known until just before the team took the field. Don McNeal was a sure bet at left halfback and it was thought that Jim Bob Harris would be at free safety, Ricky Tucker at right halfback and Tommy Wilcox at strong safety. The actual starting lineup had Tucker at free safety, Bobby Smith at strong safety and Mike Clements at right halfback.

Offensively, Steve Whitman (45) found room to pick up critical yardage.

Tucker and Smith were not in the Bama lineup late last year and both missed all of spring training, Tucker because of a badly pulled hamstring and Smith because of a knee injury that required surgery. Both were surprised at the starting lineup. "I played free safety the whole game and I've practiced almost exclusively at corner this fall," said Ricky. "However, I played safety all last year and it wasn't a tough adjustment." Tucker's judgment of the secondary was "I think we played pretty sound football, but we had a few mistakes and that cost us the 'zilch' in the final seconds. But most of the credit goes to the defensive front and linebackers. They played a fine game. It's going to take work, but we've got guys on this team who want to work, who want to get it done. The secondary sure doesn't want to let the front down because they are going to do a good job." He added that "I'm glad this first one is behind us. We were worried because we haven't been looking that good in practice."

Although few consider the defensive line a problem, there is some concern about depth there between the ends. Byron Braggs had minor knee surgery prior to fall workouts and David Hannah is trying to come back after double knee surgery last year. Warren Lyles and Curtis McGriff are the only others with appreciable experience in the middle, and Saturday Hannah left the field just before the end of the game to get treatment on his knee and McGriff did not dress for the second half because of a back injury. On the plus side, redshirt freshman Scott Homan was encouraging.

Alabama at times played a somewhat unusual defensive scheme against Tech with the middle guard (either McGriff or Lyles) playing a bit off the line. Georgia Tech center (and captain) Tom Daniel is not likely to forget Warren Lyles soon. "The game meant a whole lot to me," said Daniel. "Although I played high school

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FROM ROSE BOWL HERO TO MATINEE COWBOY

by Mike Bolton

The next time an Alabama friend is throwing some Crimson Tide football trivia about, try throwing this one back at him: Which ex-Crimson Tide player is sung about in a popular Statler Brothers song?

If the clue that he was a halfback known as the Dothan Antelope doesn't help, you may tell him the answer is Johnny Mack Brown.

"What ever happened to Johnny Mack Brown?" the talented group sings in one stanza of "What ever happened to Randolph Scott?" Well, what happened to Johnny Mack Brown is that he went straight from Alabama halfback great to Saturday movie cowboy hero.

Brown's combination of good looks, athletic ability and an interest in the acting arts eventually led him to being one of the most popular movie actors ever to put on a white cowboy hat.

Brown, the first of four brothers to play for the Crimson Tide, came to the Alabama campus in 1922 as a student who split his time between the football practice field and bit parts in on-campus and off-campus productions.

He was new to the Alabama varsity football scene in 1923 as was first-year coach Wallace Wade, but it wasn't long before the two were making sweet music together.

Brown's interception return against Sewanee that year set up Alabama's only touchdown in a 7-0 victory. Bama's decent record of 7-2-1 was an indication of things to come.

As a junior on the 1924 team, Brown came into his own as a legitimate backfield star. Brown scored nine touchdowns as Bama won eight and lost

Johnny Mack Brown as a Bama halfback

only one. Playing in the backfield with Pooley Hubert, Andy Cohen, Dave Rosenfeld and several other stars, Brown was the difference in several games between victory and defeat. His most spectacular play of the season was a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against Kentucky. He also scored on a 65-yard interception return against Georgia and one of 58 yards against Furman.

In Brown's final season the Tide was undefeated in nine games and earned the Rose Bowl invitation, Bama's first bowl game and the first time that a Southern team had been invited. Brown, Pooley Hubert, Grant Gillis, Hoyt Winslett, William Buckler and many other big name stars made this one of Alabama's greatest teams of all time. Brown scored the only TD in a 7-0 win over Georgia Tech on a 55-yard punt return to preserve the undefeated season. He, Hubert and Buckler were named to the All-Southern Conference team.

Johnny Mack Brown's greatest football hour was in the 1926 Rose Bowl game, in which he became a national hero while Alabama was beating the heavily favored Washington Huskies and the great George Wilson 20-19. Behind 12-0 at the half, the Tide came back strong to score three touchdowns for the win. Brown scored two of these touchdowns, both on long pass plays. The Dothan flash caught one pass of 63 yards from Gillis and the other of 30 yards from Hubert. Johnny Mack led all backs in yardage gained that day.

The trip to Pasadena in sunny Southern California shaped Johnny Mack Brown's life. When the 21-man Bama team reached Pasadena after a four and a half day trainride on Christmas Eve, citizens of the city wanted Johnny Mack Brown, the one they had heard so much about, pointed out to them.

"Pooley Hubert and Johnny Mack Brown will have enough experience posing for the cameramen to enter the movies," **Birmingham News** Sports Editor Zipp Newman wrote prophetically.

Brown's performance in the 1926 Rose Bowl game earned him a spot on the Rose Bowl's All-Time All-Star team. On Feb. 20, 1957, he was elected to the National Football Hall of Fame and Alabama's homecoming game that year against Mississippi State was designated as a "National Football Hall of Fame Award Game," with Johnny Mack Brown being officially inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Coach Hank Crisp, who was a young assistant during Brown's playing days, once called Johnny Mack "the best run-

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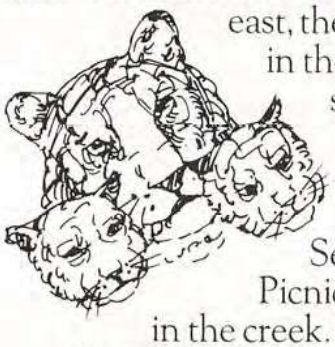

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football at Dalton (Ga.), I was born and raised in Huntsville (Ala.) and all I ever heard was Bear Bryant. I kept telling everyone in the huddle to kill them. When I'd go to the line of scrimmage I'd tell our guys to kill them. I had a real mean look on my face and I looked over at Warren Lyles and he smiled at me and winked."

Alabama played 62 men in the fray and many credit the depth factor as crucial to Alabama's success. Some Tech players said following the game that Bama had not been so impressive, but they were always fresh and that took its toll. So what else is new? Coach Bryant has made it a practice to use plenty of players, keeping his first teamers fresh and building quality, experienced depth. Among those 62 were 16 freshmen, 11 redshirt freshmen and five newcomers—Larry Brown, Jeremiah Castille, Ken Coley, Ken Simon and Jeff Fagan.

Bama's first half 12-0 lead could easily have been much less or much more. The Tide ran at will, it seemed, until it willed to go into the end zone. A clipping penalty stopped an almost sure scoring drive early in the first quarter as Bama had moved down close to the Tech 10. Tech's best play of the game, an 80-yard quick

It wasn't the biggest fourth down stop in Alabama history, but Randy Scott (50) with help from Thomas Boyd and Tommy Wilcox (15) made this play on Ronny Cone for no gain as Tech went for it on fourth down at the Alabama nine with the Tide leading 19-0 midway through the third quarter.

COACH BRYANT ON BAMA

"I'm very, very proud and happy for the team for winning. Anytime you play Georgia Tech and come away a winner you're in pretty good shape. And if you go to Atlanta and do it you've really done something.

"The game was not as intense as Alabama-Georgia Tech games used to be. I hope it gets that way. I wish Tech was back in the Southeastern Conference. The game would mean a lot more then. Conference games always do.

"I don't think our team was intense as it should have been. But it never showed in practice.

"We're still doing the things we've done for the past year or so that will get you beat. I take all the blame for mistakes, but penalties aren't mistakes. They are stupidity, not concentrating. I think we've got the kind of people who will work hard to eliminate those penalties.

"I think we did some things well and I think the (assistant) coaches did an excellent job of preparing. We didn't know what to expect. We thought they would pass a lot, and they did, because they have two pro men on their staff, Norm Van Brocklin and Steve Spurrier. I think our defensive coaches came up with a wrinkle or two that helped us.

"Overall I think we played better than I thought we would, because what we had done in practice wouldn't lead anyone to believe that we were going to play well. Tech didn't play as well as we thought they would.

"I'm glad that we've got the off week to work on some things, try to get better.

"We played a lot of people and I'm happy about that. We've got to find some depth in our defensive line.

"Steadman (Shealy) played very well in the second half. In the first half the whole team looked like it was just tip-toeing around on offense.

"I think everyone who saw the game is convinced that we had the best team. I know I am."

Alabama used the sweep effectively against Georgia Tech, usually with right halfback Major Ogilvie (42) taking the pitch from Steadman Shealy (10) around left end.

The Yellow Jackets had a much more difficult time of it bringing down Bama Quarterback Steadman Shealy

kick from shotgun (Pepper Rodgers did that himself as a player), put Bama in a hole and the ensuing punt gave the Yellow Jackets thier one and only first half possession in Alabama territory with 1:22 remaining in the first quarter. From the Bama 46 Mike Kelley, the heralded soph passer, threw his first pass of the game into the hands of E. J. Junior at the Bama 41. He went 59 yards untouched for the first Alabama score. The snap on the extra point kick try was bobbled and the contingency plan, a pass from holder Woody Umphrey to fullback Steve Whitman, missed the mark. Don Jacobs did most of the quarterbacking in the second quarter and first drive, too, was stopped by a Bama clipping penalty as the Tide again moved inside Tech's 10. When the Tide got the ball back with just under four and a half minutes and 66 yards to go, Jacobs began the first offensive scoring drive. Unheralded Mark Nix got 16 yards, Jacobs completed his only pass for 13 yards to Tim Travis and Major Ogilvie went 18 yards to sustain the drive. Bama moved to the Tech one and then had to use its last time out of the half because of a lineup mixup with 11 seconds left. Jacobs gave it to Ogilvie on a sweep at left end and the Tide had gotten that often important score just before the half. Tide gadget plays weren't working too well Saturday and the end-around option for the two-point conversion failed.

Shealy went to work in the second half and took Alabama in for touchdowns on the Tide's first two possessions of the third quarter and school was out for the Engineers. Steadman had a 15-yard run and a 12-yard pass completion to Travis and Steve Whitman finished off the 54-yard, seven-play drive with a 13-yard burst over right guard. Alan McElroy kicked the point after touchdown. The second scoring drive, 91 yards, took 11 plays, eight of them by Shealy who ran five times for 39 yards (including an 11-yard run for the TD) and passed twice to Keith Pugh for 29 yards and once to Ogilvie for eight. Billy Jackson ran in the two-point conversion.

The final Alabama score was a 42-yard field goal by McElroy with two minutes remaining. The three-pointer was set up by Gary DeNiro's interception, the third of four Tide pass thefts.

Alabama generosity helped Tech avoid a shutout. Jones had intercepted a pass with just over half a minute to play, but when he was tackled following the run-

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In 1937 he was a dashing movie star

In 1957 he was inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame

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ner I've seen at Alabama. I don't know what kind of step it was, but he could jump sideways and still not lose forward speed. One man wasn't going to hem him up."

Johnny Mack Brown certainly didn't lose speed with the "sideways jump" in his career.

Nothing was thought much about it at the time, but in festivities leading up to the 1926 Rose Bowl game the Alabama players had taken a tour of United and Warner studios and Brown had his picture made with Bebe Daniels, a star of the era.

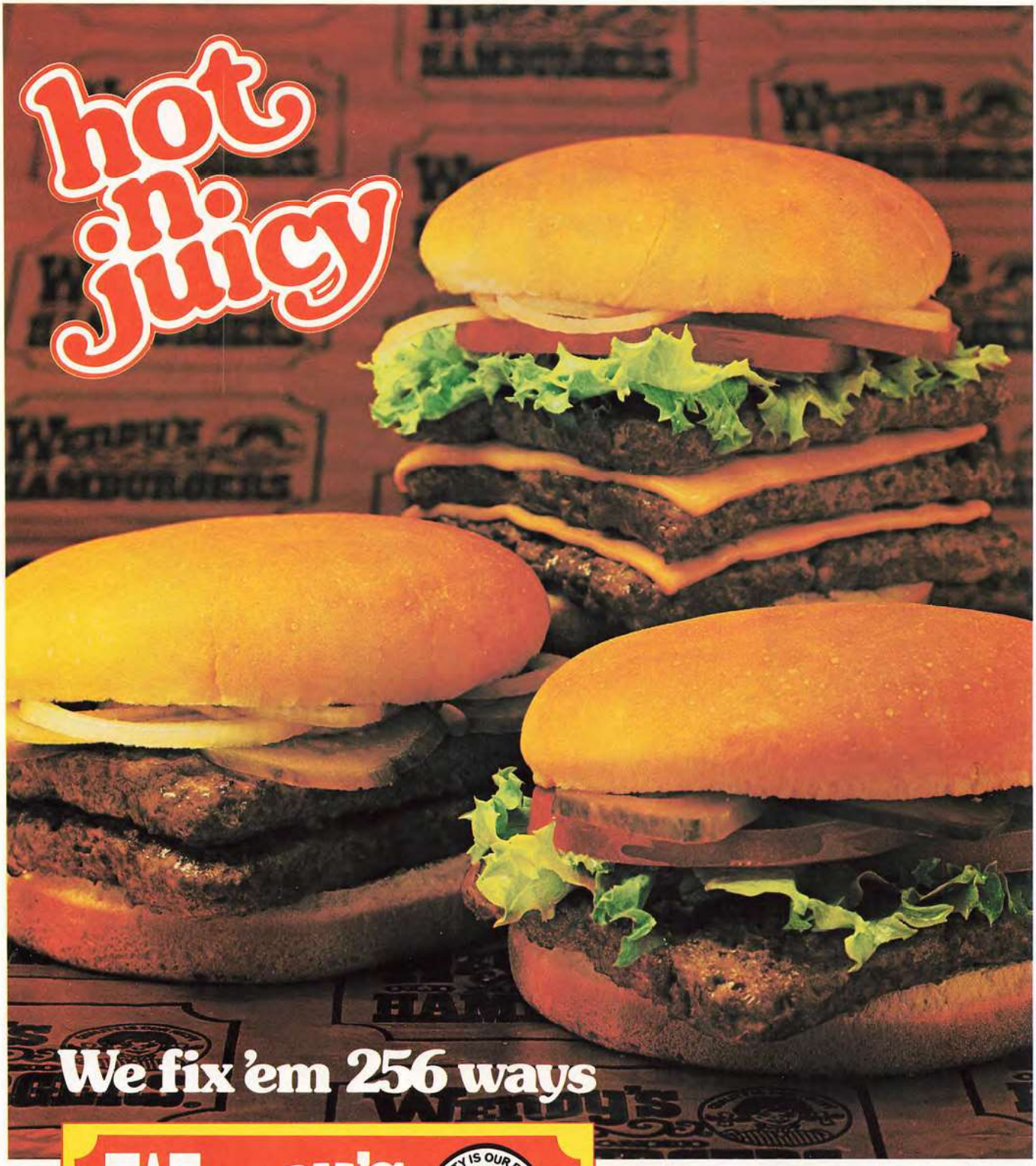
Johnny Mack returned to Alabama for a year as an assistant backfield coach, but his name was so big that nothing short of Hollywood could contain him. Champ Pickens (Alabama alumnus and promoter and author) was very instrumental in Johnny Mack heading west for the silver screen.

He landed a movie contract and appeared first in a bit part in "Bugle Call." Several supporting roles later, Brown finally got a starring role in "Coquetts," opposite the famed Mary Pickford. He played dramatic roles early in his career, but he gradually turned to the he-man western roles that appealed to his athletic nature. He liked to ride, and as a law enforcement gunhand he came to be the number one outlaw hunter. One of his early western roles was the title part in "Billy The Kid," which had its world premier at the Bama Theater in Tuscaloosa in 1930.

Later in his career he took part in rodeo performances, benefit shows, etc.

He and the former Cornelia Foster of Tuscaloosa had four children and one of Hollywood's happiest marriages, lasting from June of 1926 until Johnny Mack Brown died of kidney disease Nov. 15, 1974.

In 1971 Johnny Mack Brown was in the stands in the Los Angeles Coliseum as Bama opened the season with a stunning 17-10 victory in a game that unleashed the new improved Tide of the decade. Johnny Mack Brown was a football fan to the end, often going to USC games. But, as he told a reporter prior to Bama's 1971 game in Los Angeles, "I'm very loyal to USC, but in this game I'm an Alabama man." And quite an Alabama man.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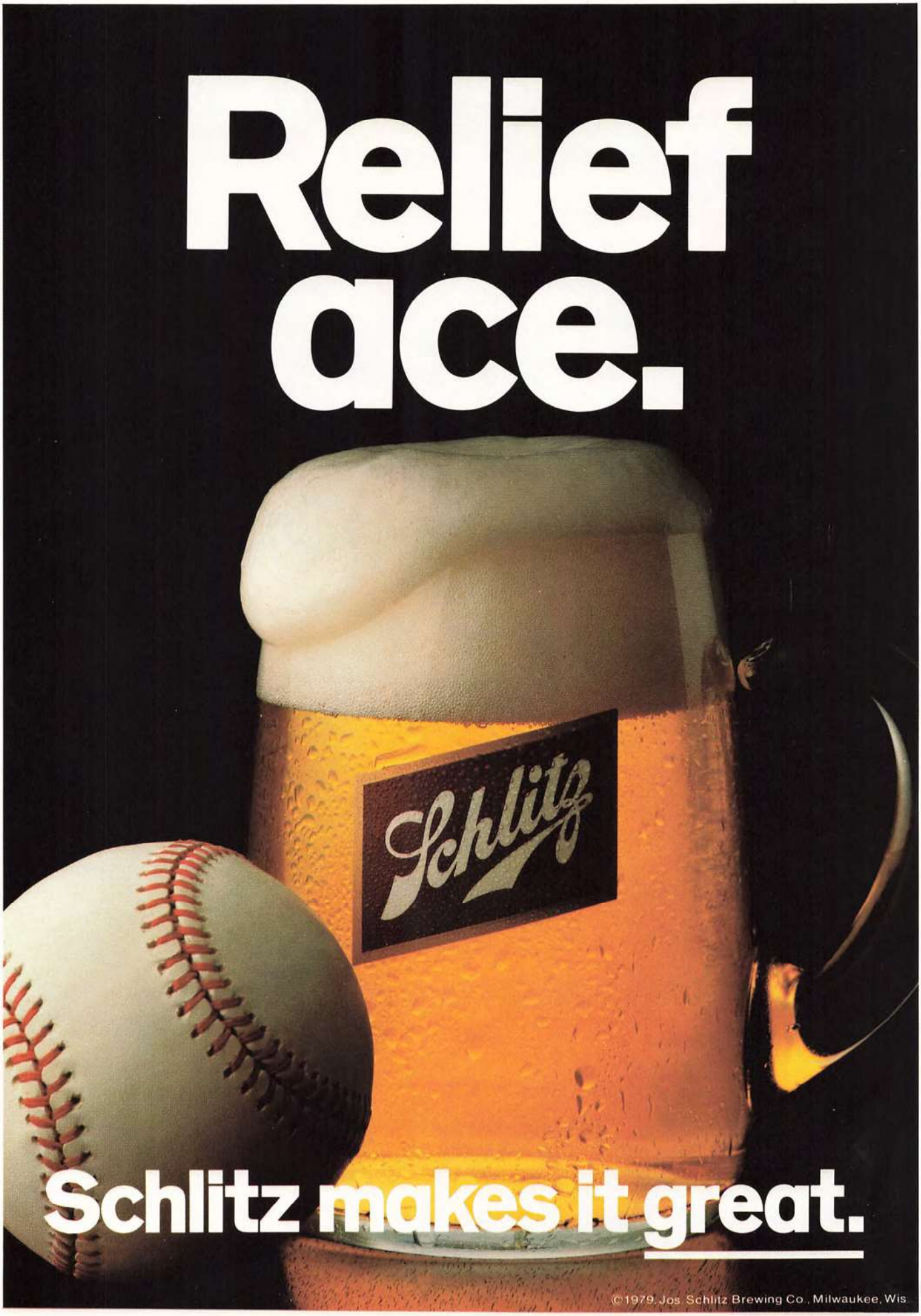
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MIKE BROCK

SELF-MADE MAN

by Kirk McNair

The pressure is gone for Mike Brock, Alabama's 6-3, 245-pound offensive left guard, "I have a different outlook now," said the senior from Montgomery who was All-Southeastern Conference last year in Bama's National Championship season.

Mike Brock didn't make it the way most football players at Alabama do. He followed a typical role in that he was a fine football player on a Jeff Davis football team that went undefeated in regular season and into the state playoffs. And as a senior, as many top Bama players, he was captain of his team. As many other topflight college performers he played other sports, earning two letters in golf. Also in the mold of today's players in many instances, Mike came from an athletic background, his father (Robert Edward at VMI) and his uncle (Davis at Auburn) having played college football.

There, though, the similarities end.

As a senior Mike Brock was a 190-pound offensive lineman. "I was never really recruited by any college coaches," he remembers. "I got a few letters and Auburn even had me down for a visit, but they just wanted me to walk on. And I can't blame them. A lot's been made of me being an Auburn fan growing up, but really it was just closer to go to Auburn games. I'm sure I looked at Auburn hard when I realized that I wasn't going to get a scholarship because they had had success with their walkon program." But about that time Alan Pizzitola was starring in the Crimson Tide backfield after having come to Bama without a scholarship.

"I really wanted to go to Alabama because of the strong business school," said Mike, who is majoring in transportation with a goal of law school following graduation. "I talked to Mr. (Charles) Stakely, a family friend who is a big Alabama supporter, and he had Coach (Mal) Moore talk to me. Coach Moore told me that I'd have a chance, that it might be slow at first but that if I could play I would be recognized."

Mike had good technique as a high school lineman, but his speed was average and his size was below average.

"The biggest thing Mike had going for him was his belief that if he worked hard and kept going he'd make it," says Alabama line coach Dee Powell. "The thing that's so impressive about Mike Brock is that he has those things that all great players have — a good attitude, outstanding work habits and the desire to meet a challenge head on. He's worked hard on the weights to be physically able to be the player that he wants to be. He's very intelligent, very coachable, a leader by example."

Mike is perhaps the most dramatic example of the weight and flexibility program of strength coach Mike Marks. "I started lifting right out of high school, but I didn't have any idea of what to do," said Mike. "I'd just grab something and start lifting. When I got here I got on a real good program they set up for me. I'm still not as strong as half the men on this team, but I've put on a lot of good weight. I wasn't a football player at the end of spring training last year and I'm still not much of one, but between spring training in 1978 and the opener against Nebraska, about four months, I put on over 15 pounds. It's a lot different going out there at 245 than at 225 or 230."

Mike didn't have an easy road to a starting job and eventual All-SEC recognition on Bama's 1978 team. "I really didn't have much of a spring. We had graduated almost the entire starting offensive line, everyone but Jim Bunch and Dwight Stephenson, and it was really a rebuilding year. I was behind Scott Allison at left guard and also running second team at a couple of other spots when Scott had an appendectomy midway through spring training. That gave me a chance, but I was still a long way from having a job nailed down."

Mike had lettered on the 1977 Crimson Tide team, but it has been primarily for his work on the specialty units. "The first game I played in was on a punt against Ole Miss in the opener that year," he said. "The first — and probably last — time I did anything was when I made a tackle on a punt against Nebraska in the second game."

Nevertheless, 1977 was a big year for Mike Brock, "After my first spring training

that year Coach Powell told me he thought I would get a scholarship. But I didn't hear anything more about it until I got back in the fall. It was nice to be putting my name on that dotted line, but by then I had my mind so much on the season that it probably wasn't the thrill I thought it would be."

Last year brought another milestone, the first start. "It came against Nebraska on national television," he said. "Before the game they lined us all up to get us on tape for television and except for Jim and Dwight we were rookies at that, too. Vince Boothe's parents have a videotape of the game and we watched it later. We all looked like space cadets, lost."

Mike admits that his goal at Alabama was to earn a scholarship. "Now I just want to be as good a lineman as I can possibly be, hoping to help the team," he said. "I have a different outlook now because I don't have the pressure I've had in the past, first the pressure to earn a scholarship and then the pressure to earn a starting job. I still have to go out there and do the job, but now I do it without the individual pressure. It's team pressure now."

Mike didn't know what would come of his effort. "I was coming to school here anyway and I felt I needed to try it. It was like going around a corner, not knowing what was going to be there. Obviously, I have no regrets."

Among the few things that Mike is not blessed with is good vision. He's worn glasses since he was 14. This year for the first time he will play in contact lens. "It's not really too bad on day games, but late afternoon and night games and games in the Superdome (in New Orleans) are really tough. I can't even tell if the guy across from me is wearing shoulder pads," he said.

Mike would like to go back to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, particularly if it could be for the National Championship as last year's game against Penn State. "That was pretty much of a standoff in the pits," he remembers. "It was one of the few times last year that we didn't have the defensive line on roller skates. But I think our defensive line whipped their offensive line pretty good."

"It's funny," he said, "but we didn't really get the thrill that you would have expected from winning that game. We were so tired that night most of us went straight to bed. I don't think we really enjoyed it until those rings came in," he said, flashing his National Championship ring.

Mike isn't sure what the 1979 season will bring for Bama. "I think we'll have a pretty good offensive line," he said. "Last year early in the season we always went to Bunch's side in pressure situations, but later we were going to our side, too, which made us feel good. But it's kind of scary. You look at the people we lost and you just don't know. It's like another step around a corner; you don't know what to expect and it makes you feel a little insecure. But it also makes you want to work harder."

Mike had a good spring both in the classroom and on the football field. At spring honors day he was named the outstanding student-athlete in the College of Commerce and Business Administration. And following spring training Tide coaches named him winner of the Paul Crane Most Improved Offensive Lineman Award.

As for the future in football?

"I sure don't have professional football as a goal if that's what you mean," he said. "I don't expect them to show any interest in someone my size and if they don't, well my trying out days are over."

Bama coaches and fans are grateful that Mike Brock was willing to give it a try in 1976. And so is Mike Brock.

This defender is about to feel the crunch of a Mike Brock block.

Mike Brock holds off a defender to make running room.

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KEN DONAHUE

AMERICA'S HARDEST WORKING COACH

by Kirk McNair

Each spring in Birmingham the Monday Morning Quarterback Club has a special event, entertaining and honoring the "working football coaches" of the Southeastern Conference. Head coaches need not show up to hog the spotlight; this party is for their assistants.

A special feature of the event is the naming of "The Working Coach of the Year."

Alabama head football coach Paul Bryant scoffed at the award for several years because neither the first nor second winner was Bama's Ken Donahue. "Not only should he get it every year, it ought to be named for him," said Coach Bryant, with emphasis, to a member of the club's selection committee.

It's appropriate that the only such fun meeting Ken Donahue has attended has been the one where he was honored — and he didn't show up for the golf and parties the day before the banquet "because I had a few things I needed to do."

A fellow head coach was visiting Coach Bryant recently and asked where he might find Coach Donahue to say hello. "I don't know where he is," said Coach Bryant. "He's the only coach I've ever had that I didn't insist on knowing where he was all the time. I don't need to know where he is, because I know he's working."

There's not much time for leisure in the life of Kenneth Samuel Donahue, now in his 16th year as an Alabama assistant coach. In addition to his responsibilities of coaching Crimson Tide defensive tackles and noseguards he is the Assistant Head Coach and Defensive Coordinator under Coach Bryant. "Keno," as he's known to his fellow coaches, doesn't see it all as hard work, however. "Coaching in some ways really isn't working because I enjoy doing it," he says. "Sometimes when I'm home I'll pick up a pad and pen and start drawing X's and O's, but I don't know if I'm working or playing. Coach Bryant says you can have too much of anything, even chocolate ice cream, but I enjoy being a football coach."

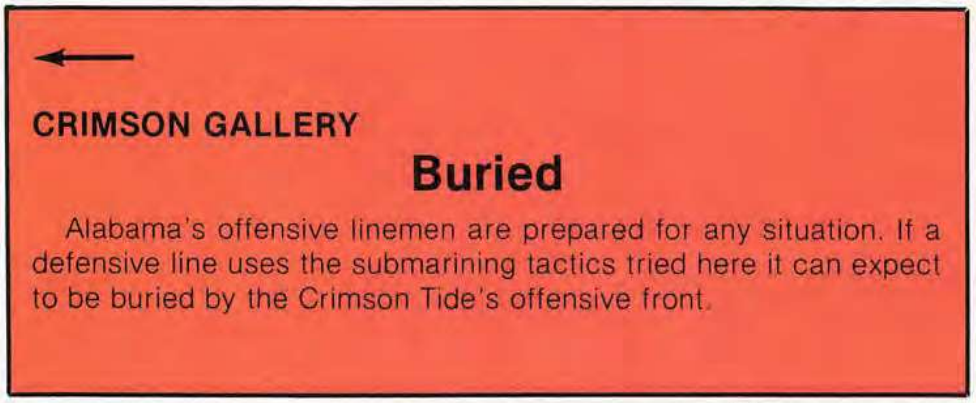
Ken Donahue grew up in football country, 18 miles northeast of Knoxville in Coryton, Tenn. He attended Central High School in Knox County where one of his football coaches was future University of Tennessee head coach Harvey Robinson. He played five years of high school football, the eighth through 12th grades. He was a Tennessee fan growing up and decided in high school that he wanted to be a football coach. "I never really considered an alternative to coaching," he says now.

He insists that he wasn't a particularly talented high school player "but I believed in conditicning even back then and I think that by working out and running I made myself competitive." A man who has had some great moments in football can still remember the lineman's thrill of intercepting a pass and going 79 yards when Central met Male High of Louisville, Ky. in the early 1940s.

A football scholarship was waiting for Ken Donahue when he finished his prep career, but before the University of Tennessee could have his football talents the United States was in need of him for World War II. He went straight from high school into the Army, serving with 86th Infantry Division as a Staff Sergeant and squad leader in the the Pacific Theater of operations, including active duty on Luzon in the Philippines for 18 months. Those Alabama football players over the years who have been non-volunteer members of "The Donahue Running Club" would appreciate that among his duties was physical training non-com in a replacement depot. He got into "about eight" service football games, then returned to Tennessee following the war to perform for Gen. Bob Neyland.

"With a football scholarship and the G.I. Bill it was a comfortable time," remembers Donahue. He lettered his last three years, 1948-50 "and I guess I started about half the time my last two years." Jim Goostree, veteran Alabama trainer who was an assistant trainer at Tennessee Donahue's last season, remembers that "Ken may have lost his first string status during the week from time-to-time, but when that happened the man who beat him out would find himself across the line from Ken the next day in practice and that meant Donahue was back on first team. He was a real competitor."

Donahue acknowledges that "Gen. Neyland has had a great influence on my coaching philosophy. I don't think there's any question that I've been very fortunate to have been associated with Gen.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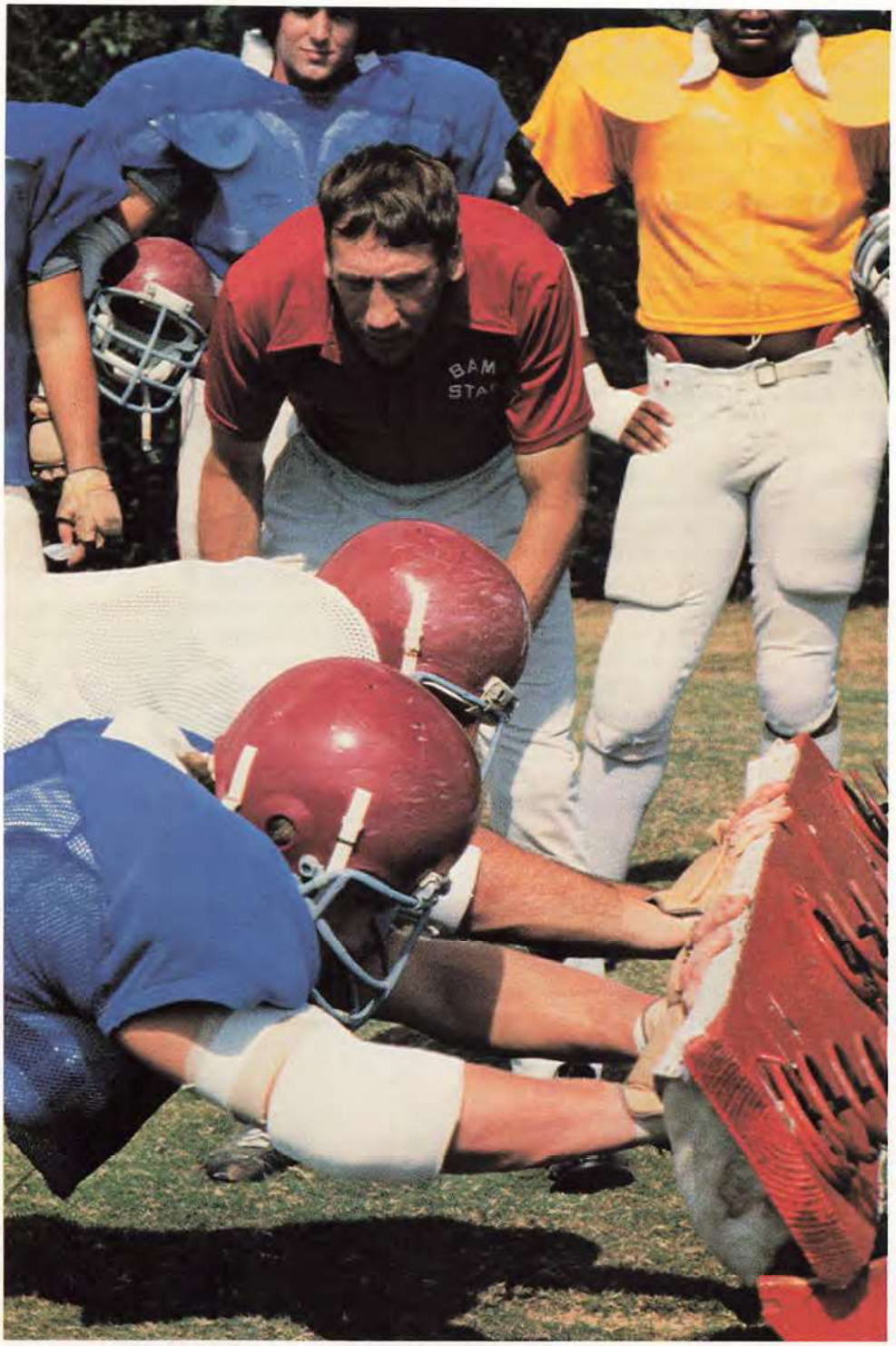
During Donahue's Tennessee playing days the Vols' biggest rivalry was against Kentucky, then coached by rising star Paul Bryant. "It was a bitter rivalry, and even though Tennessee always won, it was always nip and tuck. The Kentucky people used to say 'Wait until next year' and the Tennessee people would say 'That's what your father said.' I remember, though, that they were always tough, tough football games. I'll never forget that one of the toughest games I had was playing against Pat James and I don't think I blocked him twice the whole game." Other members of Kentucky teams whom Donahue played against and later coached with at Alabama in addition to James were Jerry Clairborne (now head coach in Maryland), Howard Schnellenberger (now head coach at Miami) and Dude Hennessey.

Donahue's coaching career began in 1951, the fall after his graduation from Tennessee, when former Tennessee captain Ralph Hatley hired him as line coach at Memphis State. Five years were spent at Memphis State before he joined Bowden Wyatt's team as line coach at Tennessee. A senior star of the first Tennessee team which Donahue helped coach was Johnny Majors, who stayed on as a coach on the Tennessee freshman team the next two years. That 1956 team went 10-1 and finished second in the nation, the only loss coming at the hands of Baylor in the Cotton Bowl. In 1959 Donahue was given the assignment of scouting and preparation for the LSU game. LSU had a 19-game winning streak and had won the 1958 National Championship, Tennessee's 14-13 victory still has a warm spot in Donahue's heart.

Donahue stayed at Tennessee through the 1960 season, then went to Mississippi State as defensive coordinator under Wade Walker. "Johnny Majors was already on the State staff and I guess he recommended me," said Donahue. "Coach Walker became athletics director after my first year there and Paul Davis became head coach. We only lost two games in 1963 — one of them to Alabama — and went to the Liberty Bowl, which was the first bowl game in a long time for Mississippi State. We beat North Carolina State in Philadelphia and it was the coldest, snowiest ball game I've ever been around."

Coach Donahue came to Alabama just in time for the 1964 season, one of four National Championship years he has been with the Tide. "I don't know how it came about," he said. "I knew Bebes Stallings and Jim Goostree on the Alabama staff. I don't think I'd ever met Coach Bryant before. We met in Columbus, Mississippi at the home of (the late T.A.) 'Son' McGahey, who had played with Coach Bryant at Alabama. I came over to Tuscaloosa and Goose showed me around." Coach Donahue had come to Alabama as defensive line coach, then was elevated to defensive coordinator replacing Gene Stallings when Stallings became head coach at Texas A&M. In 1975, with Sam Bailey Associate Athletics Director and no longer an on-the-field coach, Donahue assumed the additional duties of Assistant Head Coach.

Donahue's playing and early coaching days involved two-way performance, and



Tide assistant head coach Ken Donahue hones his players to peak condition.

all but one year of his offensive work was with single wing offense. His first taste of one-way duty came when he went to Mississippi State.

The years at Alabama have been good ones. Coach Donahue won't name his favorite defensive linemen "because I'd surely leave out at least one or two," but a look at the record book shows that he's been productive. Dan Kearley, Richard Cole, Bob Baumhower and most recently Marty Lyons made All-America. Another handful has been honored with All-Southeastern Conference recognition, including Louis Thompson, Mike Raines, Randy Hall, Skip Kubelius, Charles Hannah and Gus White.

There have been big moments, too, in winning SEC and National championships and bowl games, The goalline stand that his defense made against Penn State to win the National Championship in last year's Sugar Bowl will be remembered by Tide fans for years. "At that time it was one of the greatest moments in my life," said Donahue. "But after I looked at the film I realized that there were so many places in that game where we did the things that it took to win."

Donahue doesn't watch television. "We never have had it on school nights for the sake of the boys (he and wife Jeannine have four — Hunter, Ben, Pat and Chris) and when I'm home I'd rather do something else anyway. I'll watch an occasional pro game after our season's over." But he does watch film—film of Alabama games, opponents' games and high school games looking for future Tiders. He is usually the first man in the office each day, no later than 6:30 ("I've always liked to get up early.") and one of the last to leave each night.

"I like outdoors things, hunting and fishing and camping," he said. "I used to go trout fishing in Wyoming and Montana about every other summer but I haven't been in a few years."

For many years sportswriters have speculated on which man will succeed Coach Bryant as head coach of the Crimson Tide, naming the likes of Steve Sloan, Charley Pell, Richard Williamson, Jackie Sherrill, etc. Never seen on such lists is the name of Bama's assistant head coach, Ken Donahue. Does that bother him? "It's no big deal," he said. "Head coaches now don't do a lot of on-the-field coaching. I think I like a lot of things assistant coaches do more than the things head coaches do."

As with everyone else at the University of Alabama, Ken Donahue has as his goal the National Championship. Can the Tide repeat? "Certainly we have hopes and I think we have potentially the kind of football team that could be in the race, but it's a long, hard road and a lot of things can happen."

If there's one man prepared to go the distance on a long, hard road it's Ken Donahue.

Alabama's assistant head coach Ken Donahue chats with Bama head man Paul "Bear" Bryant.

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BAYLOR

by Kirk McNair

Ordinarily a team such as Alabama would have little to fear in its home opener when meeting a team that last year was 3-8. However, Baylor is a Bear of a different color. The Bears were 0-5 at season's midpoint in 1978 and none of the losses were by more than a touchdown. The schedule had been a tough one, too — Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio State, Houston and SMU giving Baylor that rough start. When Baylor finally got untracked it did so in a big way, manhandling powerful Texas A&M 24-6. Later the Bears blasted Texas, 38-14, closing out the year.

Baylor head coach Grant Teaff is generally regarded as an optimistic man. It goes without saying that his optimism was tested last year. But Teaff and company have gone into 1979 with good feelings.

Coach Teaff, who has been head man at Baylor since 1972, has 15 returning starters returning from last year's team. The Bears are wary that they don't have enough depth in the offensive line, at middle linebacker and in the secondary, but they feel they have quality. For instance: Middle linebacker Mike Singletary set a school record with 232 tackles last year (by comparison Bama leader Marty Lyons had 119 for the Tide in 1978) and was named Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Singletary, a junior, is joined by a pair of talented linebackers, junior Doak Field and two-year letterman Lester Ward. Field is an excellent outside linebacker, but because of the presence of Singletary doesn't receive the attention that he should. Ward has played at both

Tailback Walter Abercrombie (34) averaged over 110 yards per game last year as a freshman and is considered by Baylor coaches as a sure future All-America.

end and linebacker for Baylor and with the threesome at linebacker Coach Teaff feels that his corps is the best the Bears have ever had.

Baylor is also happy about its defensive front. Tackle Gary Don Johnson and Joe Campbell are outstanding, the leading tacklers among the down linemen last year with Johnson turning in 83, Campbell 87. In the spring Campbell was the leading grader. Flanking Campbell and Johnson at the ends are Andrew Melontree and Thomas Brown, both described by the Baylor staff as solid players. Melontree is a "big play" performer, as evidenced by his eight sacks, interception, fumble recovery and two blocked kicks in 1978.

In the secondary, cornerbacks Howard Fields and Kirk Collins provide talent and experience. The safety is sophomore-to-be Vann McElroy and the early book on him is that he is going to be outstanding. Ken Griffin returns to start at strong safety.

Baylor coaches are worried about defensive depth. Four of the reserve roles belong to second year men. Bama has been successful over the years in keeping the Crimson Tide offense (and thereby the opposing defense) on the field for long periods, which can exploit a depth-weak team. As good as the linebacking corps is, inexperience in their backups could be a weak point. Behind Singletary is freshman redshirt Greg Gibson. While he has no experience, he was voted the most improv-

Baylor Coach Grant Teaff has reason for his optimistic demeanor this year.

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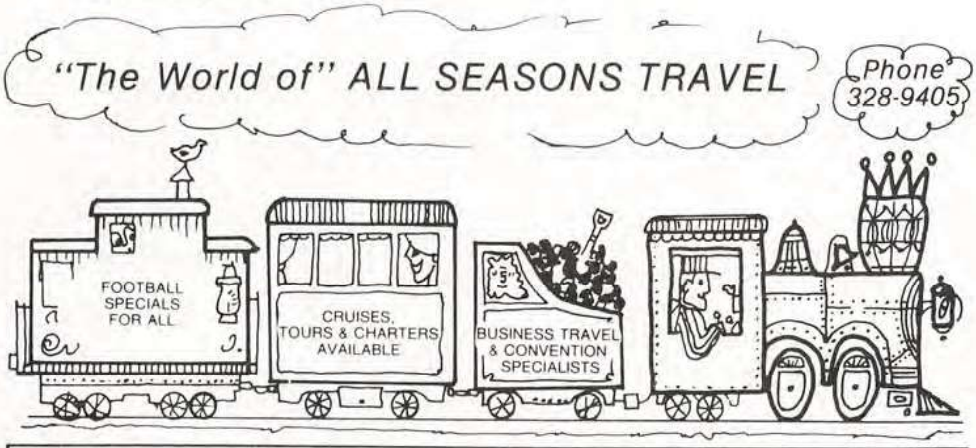
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1979 Cumulative Statistics

	BAMA	BAYLOR
TEAM OFFENSE		
Rushes attempted	79	68
Yards gained	332	327
Yards lost	20	48
Net yards gained	312	279
Avg. gain per rush	3.9	4.1
Touchdowns	3	2
Passes attempted	13	13
Passes completed	10	5
Passes intercepted	1	0
Percentage	.769	.385
Total yards	121	113
Touchdowns	0	1
Passes caught	10	5
Total yards	121	113
Avg. gain per catch	12.1	22.6
Touchdowns	0	1
TEAM DEFENSE		
Rushes attempted	20	32
Yards gained	77	200
Yards lost	12	31
Net yards gained	65	169
Touchdowns	0	1
Passes attempted	27	27
Passes completed	15	15
Passes intercepted	4	3
Percentage	.556	.556
Total yards	160	132
Touchdowns	1	0
PUNTING		
Number	4	7
Yards	148	280
Avg.	37.0	40.0
Longest	44	54
FUMBLES/LOST	3/2	4/1
PENALTIES/ YARDS	7/63	5/40

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
(BAMA) Shealy	13	79	6.1	1	15
(BAMA) Whitman	11	63	5.7	1	13
(BAMA) Ogilvie	11	59	5.4	1	18
(BAYLOR) Abercrombie	20	83	4.2	0	17
(BAYLOR) Pollard	13	71	5.5	0	27

Passing	PA	PC	PI	YDS	%	TD
(BAMA) Shealy	11	9	1	108	.818	0
(BAYLOR) Elam	9	4	0	102	.444	1

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
(BAMA) Pugh	4	54	13.5	0
(BAMA) Travis	2	25	12.5	0
(BAYLOR) Cockrell	2	56	28.0	1

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE

Tackles	Solo	Assisted	Total
(BAMA) Scott	6	1	7
(BAMA) Wilcox	5	1	6
(BAMA) Braggs	4	2	6
(BAYLOR) Singletary	15	6	21
(BAYLOR) Johnson	5	4	9

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
(BAMA) Junior	1	59	59.0	1
(BAMA) R. Jones	1	17	17.0	0
(BAMA) DeNiro	1	10	10.0	0
(BAMA) McNeal	1	0	0.0	0
(BAYLOR) Fields	1	0	0.0	0
(BAYLOR) Ward	1	5	5.0	0
(BAYLOR) McElroy	1	0	0.0	0

ed player in spring drills. The other backups are older, Gary Sills and Steve Rinaldo, but they also lack game experience. Linebacker will be strengthened considerably from a depth standpoint if senior Paul Hurst is sufficiently recovered from a back injury. He plays either outside spot.

Depth does not appear to be a problem at tackle with senior James Rowell and soph letterman Tommy Tabor pushing Campbell and Johnson. That's not a plus for Bama, which likes to establish its inside running game.

The secondary backup men are young with the exception of strong safety. Backup cornerback Thomas Earl Young had knee surgery in the spring. Freshmen redshirts Kyle Woods and Rusty Parker are listed second team at cornerback and safety. The backup men at strong safety are experienced, Benny Goodwin (who led Baylor in interceptions with four last year) and converted quarterback Scott Smith.

Coach Teaff feels that his defense can be "very good" and possibly even great, although "the chemistry has got to come together."

Offensively, Baylor has good reason for optimism. Last year the Bears averaged a respectable 20.5 points and 337.5 yards of total offense per game. This year eight starters return to that offense, including the bulk of the line, a wealth of talent in the receiving corps and talented running backs.

The line situation is not as rosy as it might be as tackles Arland Thompson and Ron Barnes are coming off knee surgery. However, Baylor feels that backup men Eddy Gregory and Jeff Black made strong improvement during the spring when Thompson and Barnes were on the sidelines. At center the Bears boast the likely All-SWC performer, Keith Bishop.

Tight end could also be considered a question mark with four-year starter Ron Lee having departed. Ray Cockrell, a junior, saw plenty of playing time last year when Baylor ran from a double tight end formation and many feel that he is actually a better pass receiver than Lee, but he isn't quite the blocker. There is no proven backup man at the spot, either.

Quarterback appears to have been strengthened considerably since last fall. Steve Smith was the starter most of last year and is expected to be no better than third team this season. Freshman Mike Brannan and Mickey Elam were co-first team at the end of spring drills with Brannan being named the team's most improved offensive player in the spring. He has good size (6-3, 175) and can throw and run effectively.

Alabama's suspicious secondary should be tested by Baylor. The Bears feel they have *six* quality receivers. Heading the list is wingback Robert "Radar" Holt. He caught 18 passes last fall for a 21.8-yard average and two touchdowns. He will be pushed at wingback by the speedy Bo Taylor and freshman talent Al Lipkins. The split receiver is returning starter Gordon Marshall. He has deceptive speed and quality hands, as do backup men Mike Fisher and Robert Mitchell.

Coach Teaff was most pleased with his running back situation going into 1979. Soph Walter Abercrombie averaged over 110 yards per game rushing last year and Teaff says "he can be as good as any back we've ever had at Baylor." Senior Frank Pollard returns at fullback. Behind them are three impressive youngsters, Dennis Gentry, Fred Hall and Ken Matthews.

Baylor's Keith Bishop (54) is the pre-season All-SWC favorite at center.

The important kicking game appears to be a Baylor weak spot with no experienced punter returning and placekicker Robert Bledsoe coming off a poor season of only one field goal (although he had been 11 of 22 the previous year and he was 28 of 28 on extra points last season).

Alabama coaches will watch Saturday night's Baylor-Texas A&M game (with the Tide having an off week) before determining the final scouting report. However, it seems safe to expect the Bears to challenge Bama's defense with a strong passing game. Alabama's offense, meanwhile, runs right at the strength of the Baylor defense, the seven men up front.

Baylor's offense is either I formation or with split backs while the defense is basically a 4-3. The Bears lost only 16 lettermen from last year's team, return 46 — 26 on offense, 19 on defense and one kicker.

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back he fumbled it back to the home team. On the following play Bama was penalized 15 yards for roughing the passer on a halfback pass. Had it been a crucial play it would have been the talk of the sports world as John Mauro was almost certainly wrongfully flagged on the tackle of the passer. Two plays later Kelley passed for Leon Chadwick, who was covered by McNeal in the end zone. McNeal, who had bruised his shoulder early in the third quarter with a vicious tackle to break up a pass, had perfect position and for a moment had the ball, but Chadwick reached over him and took it away for the touchdown. At that point not many Tech fans were in the stands to enjoy the score.

Behind Shealy in the Bama rushing statistics were Whitman with 11 carries for 63 yards, Ogilvie with 11 for 59, Nix with five for 37, redshirt freshman Charlie Williams 5-18, Joe Jones 3-17, Billy Jackson 8-15, Jacobs 12-13, Alan Gray 2-6, James Haney 1-4, Mitch Ferguson 3-4, Keith Pugh 1-1 and John Hill one for minus four. Alabama had 79 rushes for 312 yards, Tech 20 rushes for 65 yards. With Jacobs one-of-two passing for 13 yards the Tide had 10 of 13 completed with one interception and 121 yards, Tech 15 of 27 with four intercepted, 160 yards. Pugh had four catches for 54 yards, Travis two for 25, Tim Clark one for 20, Ogilvie one for eight and Whitman and Jackson one for seven each. Umphrey punted four times for a 37-yard average, Tech seven times for a 42.3 mark. Ogilvie had three punt returns for 43 yards, including a nice 34-yarder. Tech returned one punt for five yards. Clark had a 16-yard kickoff return, while Tech returned five for 80 yards. Bama interceptions were turned in by Junior, McNeal, DeNiro and Robbie Jones.

TIDE NOTES—The win, as so many, was a milestone of sorts for Coach Bryant. His record of 285-77-16 in this his 35th year as a head coach gives him 208 more wins than losses. Glenn "Pop" Warner had 207 more wins than losses, 313-106 . . . The win was Bama's 10th in a row, which is the nation's second longest winning streak (behind Clemson, now under former Tider Danny Ford) . . . The Sugar, Cotton and Hall of Fame bowls were among those at Saturday's game. . . The next issue of **'BAMA** will be out following the Baylor game.

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Sept. 15		KANSAS STATE	at Houston	WAKE FOREST	MIAMI (OH.)
Sept. 22	BAYLOR (B)*	S. MISS	GEORGIA TECH	at Clemson	at Indiana
Sept. 29	at Vanderbilt	at Tennessee	at Miss. State	S. CAROLINA	MARYLAND
Oct. 6	WICHITA STATE (T)	N.C. STATE	at LSU	at Ole Miss	at W. Virginia
Oct. 13	at Florida	VANDERBILT	ALABAMA	LSU	OLE MISS
Oct. 20	TENNESSEE (B)	at Georgia Tech		at Vanderbilt	at LSU
Oct. 27	VIRGINIA TECH (T)	at Wake Forest	TULSA	KENTUCKY	at Georgia
Nov. 3	MISSISSIPPI ST. (T)	FLORIDA	at Auburn	VIRGINIA	BOWLING GREEN
Nov. 10	at LSU	MISSISSIPPI ST.	GEORGIA (J)**	at Florida (J)**	at Vanderbilt
Nov. 17	MIAMI (T)	at Georgia	KENTUCKY	AUBURN	at Florida
Nov. 24					TENNESSEE
Dec. 1	AUBURN (B)	at Alabama (B)	at Miami	at Georgia Tech	

DATE	LSU	OLE MISS	MISS. STATE	TENNESSEE	VANDERBILT
Sept. 8			13 MEMPHIS ST. (J)# 14		
Sept. 15	at Colorado	at Memphis St.		at Boston College	at Indiana
Sept. 22	RICE	MISSOURI (J)¢	at Maryland	UTAH	CITADEL
Sept. 29	SOUTHERN CAL	S. MISS. (J)	FLORIDA (J)	AUBURN	ALABAMA
Oct. 6	FLORIDA	GEORGIA (O)	TENNESSEE (H)	at Miss. St. (M)	at Tulane
Oct. 13	at Georgia	at Kentucky	at Florida St.	GEORGIA TECH	at Auburn
Oct. 20	KENTUCKY	at S. Carolina	MARSHALL (S)	at Alabama (B)	GEORGIA
Oct. 27	FLORIDA STATE	VANDERBILT (O)	S. MISS. (S)		at Ole Miss (O)
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Dec. 1				VANDERBILT	at Tennessee

1978 FINAL STANDINGS	Conference	Overall
Alabama	6-0-0	10-1-0
Georgia	5-0-1	9-1-1
Auburn	3-2-1	6-4-1
LSU	3-3-0	8-3-0
Tennessee	3-3-0	5-5-1
Florida	3-3-0	4-7-0
Kentucky	2-4-0	4-6-1
Ole Miss	2-4-0	5-6-0
Miss. State	2-4-0	6-5-0
Vanderbilt	0-6-0	2-9-0

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BAMA SCORECARD

Bama Picked

The Southeastern Conference Skywriters, sportswriters and broadcasters visiting each SEC football camp, have voted Alabama as their No. 1 choice for the sixth straight year. The 36 Skywriters had Georgia second, Auburn third, Tennessee fourth, Florida fifth, Ole Miss sixth, Mississippi State seventh, LSU eighth, Vanderbilt ninth and Kentucky 10th.

Alabama tied with Auburn and Georgia in placing four men on the pre-season All-SEC team. Crimson Tiders selected were center Dwight Stephenson, guard Mike Brock, tackle Jim Bunch and defensive end Wayne Hamilton.

Basketball Signee

Alabama has signed a basketball player, but he will not be eligible for competition this season. Desi Barmore, a 6-7 perimeter player, is transferring from Southeast Missouri State University. Barmore played his last year of high school basketball in Lanett and appeared in the Alabama high school all-star game in the summer of 1978. He is originally from New York. He will sit out this year and then have three years of eligibility remaining beginning in 1980-81.

Ingram in Amateur

University of Alabama golf star Cecil Ingram Jr., a junior at the Capstone, reached the final four of the United States Amateur Golf Tournament this year before being eliminated by defending champion John Cook. Cecil, who was the leading qualifier from Alabama for the tournament, won four matches in Cleveland at Canterbury Golf Club before being eliminated. By reaching the final four (of 3,192 entries) he qualified for next year's Masters, U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur. Former Tider Jerry Pate won the U.S. Amateur in 1975. Cecil is the son of Southeastern Conference Associate Commissioner Hootie Ingram, an All-SEC halfback for the Crimson Tide in the early 1950s.

Univeristy of Alabama junior golfer Cecil Ingram Jr. finished in the final four of the United States Amateur to qualify for major 1980 tournaments.

Newton's Travels

It's been a busy summer for University of Alabama head basketball coach C. M. Newton, a summer that has taken him worldwide. His trip to Japan resulted in the Crimson Tide team handing the Japanese National Team seven defeats. Coach Newton returned from that trip to coach a team of professional players in an exhibition and clinic in the Dominican Republic in August. He then spent the first two weeks of September in Europe, conducting clinics for Eastern European (Poland, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Romania, Czechoslovakia and Russia) teams in Warsaw, Poland with Kentucky head coach Joe B. Hall, followed by a trip to Scandanavia.

Stogner Joins Staff

Gary Stogner, formerly Sports Information Director at Troy State University, has been named Assistant Sports Information Director at the University of Alabama. He is serving under Charley Thornton and assumes many of the duties previously handled by Kirk McNair, who resigned as the Tide's Sports Information Director to become editor of **'Bama.**

Baseball Assistant

Roger Smith has been named Alabama's first ever fulltime assistant baseball coach. Smith, 27, played baseball for two years at Florida State, then joined the California Angels organization. He spent two years in the farm system as a second baseman, then became assistant coach at powerful Georgia Southern College. Under head coach Barry Shollenberger he will be in charge of coaching infield positions. The University has made numerous improvements to the Thomas Field baseball facility for next season. Fall workouts are getting under way with some 60 walkons in addition to the 12 new scholarshipped players and returning Tiders.

Cross Country

Alabama cross country gets under way Sept. 22 when the Tide hosts the Alabama Invitational, one of seven meets on the Crimson Tide schedule. Both men's and women's teams will take part in the opener. Bama hosts the SEC championships Nov. 3.

Investigation

Alabama officials are not concerned that the NCAA is making preliminary inquiries into possible violations by the Crimson Tide. Alabama is one of 100 such schools that will receive such an inquiry with about one of the hundred being investigated. NCAA officials reportedly were talking with Auburn players about Alabama recruiting. Auburn, of course, recently went on probation in football and basketball for violations.

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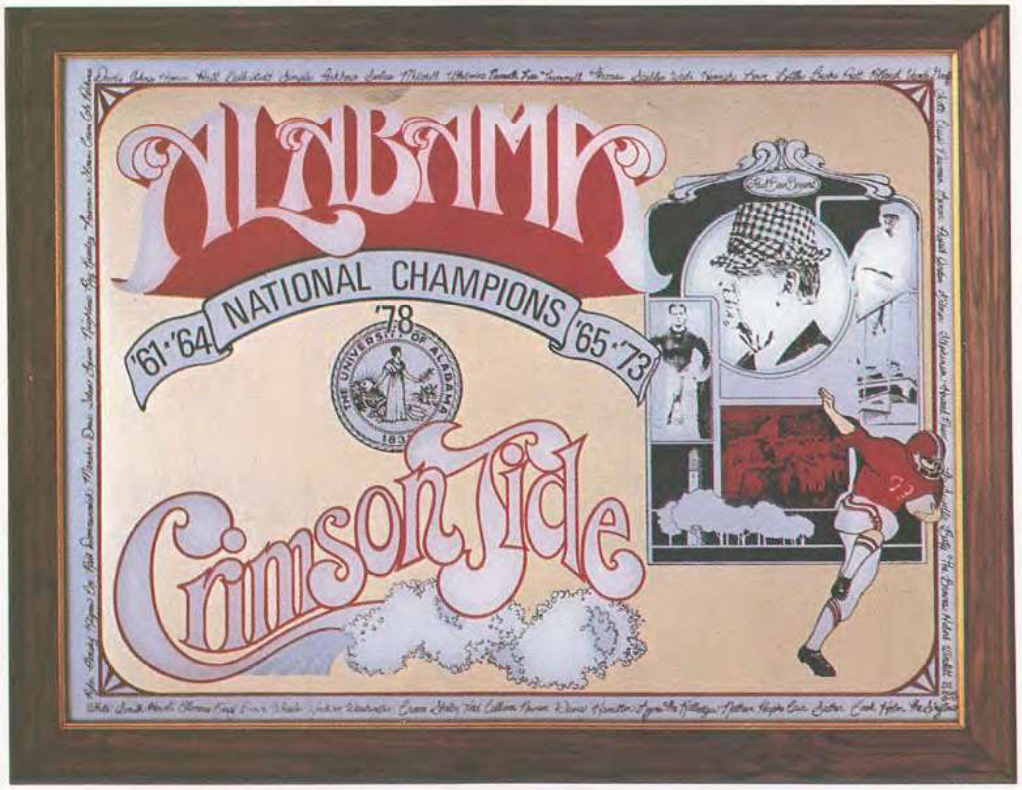

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